Gay-friendly

Gay-friendly or **LGBT-friendly** are the places, policies, people, or institutions that are open and welcoming to gay people (to include all members of the LGBT community) to create an environment that is supportive of gay people and their relationships, respectful of all people, treat all people equally, and are non-judgmental. This is typically a late 20th-century North American term that is the byproduct of both a gradual implementation of gay rights and acceptance of policies supportive of LGBT people in the workplace and in schools, as well as the recognition of gays and lesbians as a distinct consumer group for businesses etc.

Portal of the Church of Pilgrims, in Washington, DC, USA, with a LGBT banner

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Businesses

Many businesses now identify as gay-friendly, allowing for a more diversified employee and customer base. The Human Rights Campaign works to achieve equality for gays, lesbians, and other marginalized minorities, and publishes a list of companies in relation to issues concerning LGBT people. Companies that are noted for gay-friendly work environments include Dell and Coca-Cola. Companies such as R Family Vacations, Manspray, Volkswagen, Ginch Gonch, and numerous others offer niche products and services for gay customers. Others, such as LOT Polish Airlines sends the message of gay-friendliness by offering travel to major gay destinations with a rainbow flag.[1] Studies have shown that LGBT communities tend to favor gay-friendly businesses, even if the cost of a particular product or service is higher.[2]

A shop in Amsterdam selling LGBTQ+ merchandise and goods

World

The *Spartacus International Gay Guide* publishes the Gay Travel Index, a ranking of gay-friendly countries. Points are added to countries for anti-discrimination legislation, equal marriage, partnership and adoption laws, and LGBT marketing. Meanwhile, points are subtracted for anti-LGBT laws, HIV travel restrictions, religious influence, and prosecution, murders, and death sentences.

In 2021, the *Spartacus Gay Travel Index* featured a majority of Western European countries in the top 10 spots (Malta, Denmark, Austria, Sweden, Portugal, United Kingdom, and Spain), rounded out by Australia, Canada and Uruguay. The bottom 4 countries were Yemen, Iran, Somalia and Saudi Arabia with Chechnya being the overall worst-ranked region for LGBT people.[3]

Spartacus also publishes a Gay Travel Index for US states, listing the 50 states plus the District of Columbia with the same criteria as the country rankings. In 2021, the top spot was shared by California and Illinois, while the bottom nine states were mainly from the Southeast and the Mountain states.[3]

List of countries by their Gay Travel Index (2021)[4]

Rank	Country	Total	Anti-Discrimination Legislation	Marriage/Civil Partnership	Adoption Allowed	Transgender Rights	Intersex/3rd Option	Equal Age of Consent	"Conversion Therapy"	LGBT Marketing	Religious Influence	HI Res
1	Canada[note 1]	**13**	3	2	2	2	1	0	0	2	0	
2	Malta	**11**	2	2	2	2	2	0	1	1	0	
2	Portugal	**11**	3	2	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	
2	Spain	**11**	2	2	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	
5	Austria	**10**	2	2	2	2	1	0	–1	2	0	
5	Denmark	**10**	2	2	2	2	0	0	–1	1	0	
5	Sweden	**10**	3	2	2	1	−1	0	–1	2	0	
5	United Kingdom[note 2]	**10**	3	2	2	2	−1	0	0	2	−1	
5	Uruguay	**10**	2	2	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	
10	Australia	**9**	2	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	
10	Germany[note 3]	**9**	2	2	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	
10	Iceland	**9**	2	2	2	2	1	0	−1	0	0	
10	Taiwan	**9**	3	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	
14	Colombia	**8**	2	2	2	2	1	0	−1	1	0	
14	Netherlands	**8**	2	2	2	2	0	0	−1	1	0	
14	New Zealand	**8**	2	2	2	1	1	0	−1	1	0	
14	Switzerland	**8**	3	1	1	2	−1	0	1	1	0	
18	Belgium	**7**	2	2	2	2	–1	0	–1	1	0	
18	Greenland	**7**	1	2	2	2	1	0	−1	0	0	
18	Ireland[note 4]	**7**	2	2	2	2	−1	0	−1	0	0	
18	Norway	**7**	2	2	2	2	–1	0	−1	0	0	
22	Argentina	**6**	1	2	2	2	−1	0	1	1	–1	
22	Finland	**6**	3	2	2	1	−1	0	−1	0	0	
22	France	**6**	2	2	2	2	−1	0	−1	0	0	
22	Luxembourg	**6**	2	2	2	2	−1	0	−1	0	0	
22	Réunion	**5**	2	2	2	2	−1	0	−1	0	0	
27	French Polynesia	**5**	2	2	2	2	−1	0	−1	0	−1	
27	New Caledonia	**5**	2	2	2	2	−1	0	–1	0	0	
27	Puerto Rico	**5**	1	2	2	2	0	0	1	1	–1	
27	South Africa	**5**	3	2	2	1	−1	0	–1	0	0	
31	Costa Rica	**4**	2	2	2	2	−1	0	−1	0	−1	
31	Ecuador	**4**	3	2	0	2	−1	0	1	0	–1	
31	Guadeloupe	**4**	2	2	2	2	–1	0	–1	0	−1	
31	Israel[note 5]	**4**	2	1	1	2	−1	0	−1	1	–1	
31	Martinique	**4**	2	2	2	2	−1	0	−1	0	−1	
31	United States	**4**	1	2	2	–1	0	0	0	2	−1	
37	Gibraltar	**3**	2	2	2	–1	−1	0	−1	0	0	
37	Guam	**3**	1	2	2	1	−1	0	−1	0	–1	
37	Slovenia	**3**	3	2	1	0	−1	0	−1	0	–1	
40	Andorra	**2**	3	1	2	–1	−1	0	−1	0	0	
40	Brazil	**2**	2	2	2	0	–1	0	1	0	−1	
40	Chile	**2**	2	1	0	2	1	–1	−1	0	−1	
40	Czechia	**2**	2	1	1	0	−1	0	−1	0	0	
40	Estonia	**2**	2	0	1	1	−1	0	−1	0	0	
40	Mexico	**2**	3	1	1	1	–1	0	0	1	−1	
46	Cuba	**1**	3	0	0	1	−1	0	−1	0	0	
46	Greece	**1**	2	1	0	2	−1	0	−1	0	–1	

46	India[note 6]	**1**	1	0	0	1	1	0	−1	0	−1
46	San Marino	**1**	3	1	1	1	−1	0	−1	0	−2
46	Thailand	**1**	2	0	0	−1	−1	0	−1	2	0
51	Bermuda	**0**	1	2	1	−1	−1	0	−1	0	0
51	Croatia	**0**	2	1	1	1	−1	0	−1	0	−1
51	Italy	**0**	1	1	0	1	−1	0	−1	0	−1
51	Liechtenstein	**0**	1	1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	0
51	Nepal	**0**	3	−1	0	0	1	0	−1	0	−1
51	Slovakia	**0**	2	0	0	1	−1	0	−1	0	0
51	US Virgin Islands[note 7]	**0**	1	2	2	0	−1	0	−1	0	−1
58	Bolivia	**-1**	2	0	0	1	−1	0	−1	0	−1
58	Bosnia and Herzegovina[note 8]	**-1**	2	−1	0	1	−1	0	−1	0	0
60	Albania	**-2**	2	−1	0	−1	−1	0	1	0	−1
60	Aruba	**-2**	1	1	0	0	−1	0	−1	0	0
60	Bhutan	**-2**	0	−1	0	1	−1	0	−1	0	0
60	Japan	**-2**	0	−1	0	1	−1	0	−1	1	0
60	Mozambique	**-2**	1	−1	0	0	−1	0	−1	0	0
60	Samoa	**-2**	1	−1	0	1	1	0	1	0	−2
66	Angola	**-3**	1	−1	0	0	−1	0	−1	0	−1
66	Bulgaria	**-3**	2	−1	0	1	−1	0	−1	0	−1
66	China (incl. Hong Kong)	**-3**	0	−1	0	0	−1	0	0	0	0
66	Cyprus	**-3**	1	1	0	0	−1	0	−1	0	−1
66	Fiji	**-3**	3	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−1
66	Hungary	**-3**	2	1	−1	−1	−1	0	−1	0	0
66	South Korea	**-3**	0	−1	0	1	−1	0	−1	0	0
66	North Macedonia	**-3**	2	−1	0	1	−1	0	−1	0	−1
66	Monaco	**-3**	0	1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−1
66	Montenegro	**-3**	2	−1	0	1	−1	0	−1	0	−1
66	Panama	**-3**	0	−1	0	1	−1	0	−1	0	0
66	Romania	**-3**	2	−1	0	1	−1	0	−1	0	−1
66	Serbia	**-3**	2	−1	0	1	−1	0	−1	0	−1
66	Sint Maarten[note 9]	**-3**	1	−1	0	0	−1	0	−1	1	−1
66	Vietnam	**-3**	0	−1	0	0	−1	0	−1	0	0
81	Armenia[note 10]	**-4**	0	−1	0	0	−1	0	−1	0	1
81	Botswana[note 11]	**-4**	1	−1	0	0	−1	0	−1	0	−1
81	Cabo Verde	**-4**	1	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−1
81	Curaçao	**-4**	1	0	0	0	−1	0	−1	0	−1
81	El Salvador	**-4**	2	−1	0	0	−1	0	−1	0	−1
81	Kazakhstan	**-4**	0	−1	0	1	−1	0	−1	0	0
81	Kosovo	**-4**	3	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−2
81	Laos	**-4**	0	−1	0	0	−1	0	−1	0	0
81	Latvia	**-4**	1	−1	0	0	−1	0	−1	0	0
81	Lesotho	**-4**	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−1	0	0
81	Lithuania	**-4**	2	−1	−1	1	−1	0	−1	0	−1
81	Macao	**-4**	1	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	0
81	Mali	**-4**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	0
81	Mongolia	**-4**	1	−1	0	0	−1	0	−1	0	0
81	Niger	**-4**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	0
96	Belize	**-5**	1	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−1

96	Benin	**-5**	0	−1	0	0	−1	–1	−1	0	0
96	British Virgin Islands	**-5**	3	−1	0	–1	−1	0	−1	0	−2
96	Cambodia	**-5**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	0
96	Georgia	**-5**	2	−1	0	1	−1	0	−1	0	–2
96	Moldova	**-5**	1	−1	0	1	−1	0	−1	0	−1
96	Pakistan	**-5**	1	−1	0	2	1	01	−1	0	–2
96	Seychelles[note 12]	**-5**	1	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−1
96	Singapore	**-5**	0	−1	0	1	−1	0	−1	0	0
96	Sri Lanka[note 13]	**-5**	1	−1	1	0	−1	0	−1	0	−1
96	Suriname	**-5**	1	−1	0	−1	−1	–1	−1	0	−1
107	Antigua and Barbuda	**-6**	0	−1	0	–1	−1	0	−1	0	0
107	Barbados	**-6**	1	−1	0	–1	−1	0	−1	0	−1
107	Gabon	**-6**	0	−1	0	0	−1	0	−1	0	−1
107	Guinea-Bissau	**-6**	0	−1	0	–1	−1	0	−1	0	−1
107	Jordan	**-6**	0	−1	0	1	−1	0	−1	0	−2
107	Kyrgyzstan	**-6**	0	−1	0	1	−1	0	−1	0	–1
107	Namibia	**-6**	0	−1	1	–1	−1	0	−1	0	−1
107	Peru[note 14]	**-6**	1	−1	0	1	−1	0	−1	0	−1
107	Ukraine	**-6**	1	−1	0	1	−1	0	−1	0	−1
107	Vanuatu	**-6**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−1
117	Burkina Faso	**-7**	0	−1	0	0	−1	0	−1	0	−2
117	Honduras[note 15]	**-7**	2	−1	0	–1	−1	0	−1	0	−1
117	Lebanon[note 16]	**-7**	0	−1	0	1	−1	0	−1	0	−1
117	Mauritius[note 17]	**-7**	1	−1	0	–1	–1	0	−1	0	−1
117	Myanmar	**-7**	0	−1	0	–1	−1	0	−1	0	0
117	Nicaragua	**-7**	1	−1	0	–1	−1	0	−1	0	−1
117	Philippines[note 18]	**-7**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−1
117	Turkey[note 19]	**-7**	0	−1	0	1	−1	0	−1	0	−1
117	Venezuela	**-7**	1	−1	0	0	–1	0	−1	0	−1
126	Bangladesh	**-8**	0	−1	0	1	1	0	−1	0	−2
126	Cook Islands	**-8**	1	−1	0	0	−1	0	−1	0	−2
126	Equatorial Guinea	**-8**	0	−1	0	–1	−1	0	−1	0	−2
126	Poland	**-8**	1	−1	0	0	−1	0	−1	0	−1
126	Tajikistan	**-8**	0	−1	0	1	−1	0	−1	0	−2
126	Trinidad and Tobago	**-8**	0	−1	0	–1	−1	0	−1	0	−1
132	Algeria	**-9**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−2
132	Bahamas	**-9**	0	−1	0	1	−1	−1	−1	0	–1
132	Bahrain[note 20]	**-9**	0	−1	0	0	−1	0	−1	0	−2
132	Burundi	**-9**	0	−1	0	–1	−1	0	−1	0	−1
132	Central African Republic	**-9**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	0	0	−2
132	Democratic Republic of Congo	**-9**	0	−1	0	–1	–1	0	−1	0	−2
132	Djibouti[note 21]	**-9**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−2
132	Grenada	**-9**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−1
132	Guatemala	**-9**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−1

132	Indonesia	**-9**	0	−1	–1	0	−1	–1	−1	0	−1	
132	North Korea	**-9**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	–1	−1	0	−2	
132	Madagascar	**-9**	0	−1	0	0	−1	−1	−1	0	−1	
132	Republic of the Congo	**-9**	0	−1	0	0	−1	−1	−1	0	−2	
132	Rwanda	**-9**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
132	Sierra Leone	**-9**	0	−1	0	−1	0	–1	−1	0	−1	
132	Tonga	**-9**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
132	Tunisia	**-9**	0	−1	0	–1	−1	0	−1	0	−1	
132	Vatican City[note 22]	**-9**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	−1	−1	0	−2	
150	Azerbaijan	**-10**	0	−1	0	–1	−1	0	−1	0	−1	
150	Belarus	**-10**	0	−1	0	0	−1	0	−1	0	−1	
150	Guyana	**-10**	0	−1	0	–1	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
150	Kenya	**-10**	0	−1	–1	0	−1	0	−1	0	−1	
150	Oman	**-10**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−1	
150	Papua New Guinea	**-10**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
150	Paraguay	**-10**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	−1	−1	0	−1	
150	Togo	**-10**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−1	
150	Uzbekistan	**-10**	0	−1	0	0	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
150	Zambia	**-10**	0	−1	0	0	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
160	Brunei	**-11**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
160	Chad	**-11**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	−1	0	0	−2	
160	Comoros	**-11**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
160	Dominica	**-11**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
160	Dominican Republic	**-11**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
160	Ethiopia	**-11**	0	−1	0	–1	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
160	Ghana[note 23]	**-11**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
160	Ivory Coast	**-11**	0	−1	–1	−1	−1	−1	−1	0	−2	
160	Liberia	**-11**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
160	Maldives	**-11**	0	−1	0	−1	–1	0	−1	0	−2	
160	Senegal	**-11**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
160	Solomon Islands	**-11**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
160	Sudan	**-11**	0	−1	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−2	
160	Eswatini	**-11**	0	−1	0	0	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
160	Syria	**-11**	0	−1	0	1	−1	0	−1	0	−1	
160	Turkmenistan	**-11**	0	−1	0	0	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
176	Eritrea	**-12**	0	−1	0	–1	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
176	Gambia	**-12**	0	−1	–1	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
176	Haiti	**-12**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
176	Aceh (Indonesia)	**-12**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
176	Iraq[note 24]	**-12**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	−1	−1	0	−2	
176	Jamaica	**-12**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−1	
176	Malawi	**-12**	0	−1	0	0	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
176	Malaysia	**-12**	0	−1	0	0	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
176	Mauritania	**-12**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
176	Morocco	**-12**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−1	
176	Russia	**-12**	0	−1	0	1	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
176	Tanzania	**-12**	0	−1	0	0	−1	−1	−1	0	−2	
176	Uganda	**-12**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
176	Zimbabwe	**-12**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−1	
190	Cameroon	**-13**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−2	

190	Egypt	**-13**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	−1	−1	0	−2	
190	Kuwait	**-13**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
190	Nigeria[note 25]	**-13**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−1	
190	Qatar	**-13**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
195	Afghanistan	**-14**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
195	Libya	**-14**	0	−1	0	−1	–1	0	−1	0	−2	
195	United Arab Emirates	**-14**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
198	Yemen	**-15**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
199	Iran	**-17**	0	−1	0	0	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
200	Saudi Arabia	**-18**	0	−1	0	–1	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
200	Somalia[note 26]	**-18**	0	−1	0	−1	−1	0	−1	0	−2	
202	Chechnya (Russia)	**-19**	0	−1	0	0	−1	−1	0	0	−2	

United States

List of U.S. states by their Gay Travel Index (2021)[4]

Rank	State	Total	Anti-Discrimination Legislation	Transgender Rights	Intersex/3rd Option	Hate Crime Law	"Conversion Therapy"	LGBT Marketing	Queer Infrastructure	Gay and Trans Panic Defence	Locals Hostile
1	California	**11**	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	0	0
1	Illinois	**11**	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	0	0
3	Colorado	**10**	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	0	0
3	Nevada	**10**	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	0	0
3	New York	**10**	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	0	–1
3	District of Columbia	**10**	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	0	0
7	Connecticut	**9**	2	2	1	2	1	0	1	0	0
7	Hawaii	**9**	2	2	1	2	1	0	1	0	0
7	Massachusetts	**9**	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	−1	0
7	Oregon	**9**	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	–1	0
7	Washington	**9**	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	0	−1
12	New Jersey	**8**	2	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
12	Rhode Island	**8**	2	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
12	Virginia	**8**	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	−1	0
15	New Mexico	**7**	2	2	1	2	1	0	0	−1	0
15	Utah	**7**	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	−1	0
15	Vermont	**7**	2	2	1	2	1	0	0	−1	0
18	Maryland	**6**	2	2	1	2	1	0	0	–1	–1
19	Delaware	**5**	2	2	−1	2	1	0	0	−1	0
19	Maine	**5**	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
19	New Hampshire	**5**	2	0	1	2	1	0	0	−1	0
22	Minnesota	**4**	2	1	1	2	−1	0	0	−1	0
23	Florida[note 27]	**3**	1	2	–1	1	−1	2	1	−1	–1
23	Pennsylvania	**3**	2	2	1	0	−1	0	1	−1	–1
25	Idaho	**2**	1	2	1	0	−1	0	0	−1	0
26	Arizona	**1**	1	0	−1	1	−1	1	1	−1	0
26	Georgia	**1**	2	0	−1	1	−1	1	1	−1	−1
26	Indiana	**1**	0	1	1	1	−1	0	0	−1	0
26	Iowa	**1**	2	1	−1	1	−1	0	0	−1	0
26	Kansas	**1**	2	1	−1	1	−1	0	0	−1	0
26	Louisiana	**1**	1	0	–1	1	−1	1	1	−1	0
32	Alaska	**0**	1	2	−1	0	−1	0	0	−1	0
32	Arkansas	**0**	1	0	1	0	−1	0	0	−1	0
32	Montana	**0**	1	2	−1	0	−1	0	0	−1	0
35	Kentucky	**-1**	1	0	−1	1	–1	0	0	−1	0
35	Mississippi	**-1**	1	1	−1	0	−1	0	0	−1	0
35	Nebraska	**-1**	1	0	−1	1	−1	0	0	−1	0
35	South Dakota	**-1**	1	1	−1	0	−1	0	0	−1	0
35	Tennessee	**-1**	1	–1	−1	2	−1	0	1	−1	−1
35	Texas	**-1**	1	1	−1	1	−1	0	1	−1	–2
35	West Virginia	**-1**	1	1	−1	0	−1	0	0	−1	0
35	Wisconsin	**-1**	1	0	−1	1	−1	0	0	−1	0
43	Alabama	**-2**	1	0	−1	0	−1	0	0	−1	0
43	Michigan	**-2**	2	0	−1	0	−1	0	0	−1	–1
43	Missouri	**-2**	1	0	−1	1	−1	0	0	−1	–1
43	North Carolina	**-2**	1	0	−1	0	0	0	0	−1	−1
43	North Dakota	**-2**	1	0	−1	0	−1	0	0	−1	0
43	Ohio	**-2**	1	0	−1	0	−1	0	1	−1	–1

43	Oklahoma	**-2**	1	0	−1	0	−1	0	0	−1	0
43	South Carolina	**-2**	1	1	−1	0	−1	0	0	−1	–1
43	Wyoming	**-2**	1	0	−1	0	−1	0	0	−1	0

Notes

1. In Canada the adoption laws vary per province. Same-sex-adoption is however possible countrywide.
2. In Northern Ireland the legal situation for same-sex adoption is unclear.
3. In Germany, due to federal government system, there are varying regulations regarding arrival/residence HIV. For example, in Bavaria someone who is HIV-positive can be denied entry. The Federal Constitutional Court has stipulated in several renditions of judgment that the politicians implement the same rights for gay men and lesbians which apply to heterosexuals.
4. The Employment Equality Act allows religious-run workplaces exemption from its anti-discrimination provisions to protect their ethos.
5. In Israel a civil marriage for both homosexual and heterosexual couples is not possible as marriage can only be performed by a Rabbi. This problem does not only apply to gays and lesbians but also heterosexuals belonging to different religious affiliations. There are limited anti-discrimination laws (exception: certain religious groups).
6. In December 2013, the Supreme Court set aside a 2009 verdict by the Delhi High Court that had decriminalized homosexuality. This decision was once again overturned in September 2018.
7. The United States Virgin Islands have the same legal status as Puerto Rico regarding the USA. There is also a ban on hate crimes. After the Supreme Court decided in favor of same-sex marriage in the US, there are plans to implement same-sex marriage in Puerto Rico as well.
8. Bosnia and Herzegovina passed an unclear anti-discrimination law in 2009 in which a ban on discrimination against "sexual expression" is mentioned. There is a reference that "sexual identity" is not meant in this case. It is obvious that an attempt to adhere to the minimum requirements from the EU has been made, to be accepted into the EU.
9. As an overseas territory of the Netherlands Sint Maarten recognizes same-sex marriages which are performed in the Netherlands. In St. Maarten itself gay marriage is still not possible, but changes can soon follow. There are no adoption laws.
10. Armenia has received many reports of illegal violence from police against homosexuals.
11. In Botswana homosexuality is practically illegally on the basis of the ban on "unnatural act", but in the labor law there is still an explicit prohibition of discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation.
12. In May 2016 the Parliament of Seychelles decided to make homosexuality legal.
13. At the request of the UNHCR Sri Lanka has announced that discrimination of homosexuals is constitutionally forbidden. It was further stressed that the anti-sodomy law is not aimed against homosexuals, but applies for all to protect public morals.
14. Consensual homosexual acts in Peru between adults are legal. An exception applies for members of the military and police, who can be prosecuted with a prison sentence ranging from 60 days to 20 years or suspension from duty.
15. In Honduras an anti-discrimination law has recently been passed, but in practice it is ignored.
16. There are reports of a different judicial interpretations of the law on "sex against nature".
17. In Mauritius, the sodomy law tends to find application with the heterosexual population. The Equal Opportunities Act protects homosexuals against discrimination at work. It is therefore questionable whether homosexuality is classified as illegal or not.
18. There are regional differences in the laws relating to homosexuals. In addition, the local religion is just as crucial, whether a law is implemented or not.
19. Police stopped violently the Gay Pride on 29th June, 2015. This can be considered a de facto ban on the Pride.
20. In Bahrain although the paragraph referring to sodomy was abolished in 1976 from the local legal code, gay men can still be punished with imprisonment according to the laws regarding "unmoral" behavior.
21. The Shariah-law in Djibouti is often superior to the constitutional laws, so it could be expected that homosexuality is punishable.
22. The Vatican City adheres to Italian law, but restrictions are possible if the ecclesiastical law contradicts Italian law. Therefore, there are conflicting opinions that homosexuality is not illegal or just not happily seen, but tolerated.
23. In Ghana there is a ban on unnatural sex. The government recognizes in this a clear ban on homosexuality.
24. Homosexuality in Iraq is formally legal, but police and military track down homosexuals, and reports of murder and rape exist.
25. In Nigeria the death penalty only applies for homosexuals according to the Shariah laws and therefore relates only to Muslims in the north of Nigeria.
26. Shariah laws applies in Somalia since 2012. There is however contradictory information, since, on the other hand the maximum penalty is up to 3 years in prison, nevertheless in 2013 a homosexual was stoned to death after a judgment.
27. In 2015 Florida explicitly lifted the adoption ban for homosexuals after federal judges ruled it unconstitutional in 2010.

See also

- Anti-gay
- Homosocialization
- LGBT marketing
- Pinkwashing (LGBT)
- Pink capitalism

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